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SUBJ: KOREAN PRESS REPORTS PROGRESS ON PAK TONG-SON CASE

REF: SEOUL 9850

1. SEOUL PRESS NOVEMBER 30 HEADLINED STORY COVERING POSSIBILITY OF PAK TONG-SON GOING TO US. REPORTED THAT US-ROK AGREEMENT ON HANDLING OF THE CASE WAS EXPECTED ON DECEMBER 1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL QUOTED AS SAYING THERE WAS NO REASON FOR ROK TO OPPOSE PAK GOING TO US, IF HE DECIDED TO DO SO, AND THAT PAK WAS SORRY FOR TROUBLE HE CAUSED ROKG AND KOREAN PEOPLE. NEWSPAPERS SUGGESTED THAT PAK TONG-SON WOULD BE OFFERED IMMUNITY IN RETURN FOR GRAND JURY TESTIMONY. PAPERS ADDED THAT RESULT OF FONMIN-AMBASSADOR MEETINGS WAS AGREEMENT THAT US OFFICIALS WOULD COME TO SEOUL FOR INTERVIEWS WITH PAK IN US EMBASSY (IN PRESENCE OF ROK OFFICIALS) TO DETERMINE WHETHER PAK WANTED TO GO TO US. US-ROK REPORTED TO BE WORKING ON AGREEMENT IN CASE PAK DECIDES NOT TO GO (IDENTIFIED BY HAPTONG AS "MUTUAL ASSISTANCE" AGREEMENT).

2. DECEMBER 1 MORNING PAPERS QUOTE FONMIN SOURCE

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SAYING ROK-US DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON PAK CASE HAS BEEN NARROWED AND THAT THE ISSUE MAY BE SETTLED BY YEAR'S END. SOURCE SAYS THAT PAK HAS SHOWN "A MORE FLEXIBLE" ATTITUDE BUT THAT THE US MUST MEET 13 CONDITIONS (UNSPECIFIED) BEFORE PAK WILL RETURN TO US. PRESS REPORTED REMARKS OF PAK'S LAWYER, HUNDLEY, THAT PAK WILL NOT COME TO US WITHOUT

IMMUNITY AGREEMENT.

3. EMBASSY HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT AP STORY, QUOTING
HIGH GOVERNMENT SOURCE, HAS BEEN FILED TO EFFECT
THAT ROKG CONFIDENT PAK TONGSON CASE CAN BE SETTLED
EARLY NEXT WEEK. STORY GOES ON TO NOTE THAT ROKG
IS AWAITING WORD FROM USG ON PROPOSALS MADE MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 28, AND, IF RESPONSE POSITIVE, IT BELIEVES
COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED QOTE ONCE
AND FOR ALL END QUOTE.
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